HOME SECRETARIAT

Training Course for Tourist Guides in Mysore State.

REFERENCE—

Letter No. TST/161/59-60, dated 4th May 1959 from the Principal Information Officer.

ORDER No. HD 77 TTT 59, DATED BANGALORE, THE 17TH JULY 1959.

The Principal Information Officer has reported that in connection with the promotion of Tourist Traffic in the State it is necessary to train young and intelligent persons as Tourist Guides specially to assist Home and Foreign Tourists who visit the State and to afford them a correct idea of the several tourist spots.

2. He has with this object prepared a Scheme of Training, lasting for three months which will be conducted by the Department of Information. In the first instance the course will be confined to a maximum of 50 students. A fee of Rs. 15 per student will be charged for the entire course and a sum of Rs. 10 as examination fees. In the case of candidates belonging to Scheduled Castes and Scheduled tribes they are eligible to the same concessions as are being given to them in the Educational Institutions in the State. The candidates have themselves to bear the expenses of the practical demonstration classes.

3. The minimum qualification required for candidates will be a pass in the Intermediate or any equivalent examination in Arts subject, preferably History, Geography and Indology. Candidates will be interviewed by a Selection Committee and only the selected candidates will be admitted. At the end of the Course there will be an examination and certificates will be awarded to the successful candidates. The names of the successful candidates will be published in the *Mysore Gazette.*

4. Trained Tourist Guides will be authorised to collect from Tourists the fees that may be fixed by Government from time to time. Sixteen Readers will handle the classes. The Readers will set question papers for the examination on the subjects in which they deal, correct answer books and submit the statement of marks to the Chairman of the Mysore State Tourists' Publication Committee who in turn will transmit the same with his remarks to Government, before publication of the final results.

5. In view of the Cultural and economic importance of Tourism Government consider that it is necessary to have a scheme for training Tourist Guides on sound and up-to-date lines. They are accordingly pleased to approve the training course for Tourist Guides as detailed in Annexure I, II and III for a period of one year, temporarily. A remuneration of Rs. 100 each will be paid to the Readers for the entire Course, as in Annexure IV. A clerk and a peon attending to the work connected with the Training Course are also eligible to a remuneration of Rs. 30 and Rs. 15 respectively per month, for three months. The realisation from fees will be Rs. 2,250 for one term and the expenditure Rs. 5,280 resulting in an excess expenditure of Rs. 3,030. The extra expenditure of Rs. 3,030 involved under this Scheme may be met out by re-appropriation from the Budget grants of the Information Department or by obtaining additional grants, if necessary later on. The details of Receipts and Expenditure are noted below. The Director of Archæology will be the *ex-officio* Principal of the training course.

Income.

			Rs.
1	Fees from students	... ...	15×50= 750
2	Examination fee	... ...	10×50= 500
3	Special fee for practical class	... ...	10×2×50=1,000
	Total	...	2,250

	Expenditure.		Rs.
1	Honoraria to Readers	...	100×17= 1,700
2	Paper setting fee	...	35×17= 595
3	Correction fee	...	50×1×17= 850
4	Remuneration to clerk and peon	...	30×3=90 15×3=45 } 135
5	Travelling and Daily Allowance to Readers	...	1,000
6	Contingencies	...	1,000
	Total	...	5,280

6. The Principal Information Officer is requested to take all necessary steps to start the Training Course immediately and submit a report to Government.

By Order and in the name of the Governor of Mysore,

R. M. VANCHESWARA IYER,
Under Secretary to Government,
Home Department.

APPENDIX I.

Scheme for training Tourist Guides in Mysore State.

1. **Object.**—To train young and intelligent persons as Tourist Guides to assist home and foreign tourists who come to the State.

2. **Place of Training.**—Mysore City (Maharaja's College).

3. **Duration of the Training.**—3 Months (Three months).

4. **Number of Lectures.**—Six Lectures per week and 2 practical demonstration classes. Sixty-eight Lectures for the entire course.

5. **Duration of the Lectures.**—Each lecture will last for full one hour and there will be two lectures per day in the evenings between 6 P.M. and 8 P.M.

6. **Maximum number of students for admission.**—Fifty students per course.

7. **Fees.**—Tuition fee of Rs. 15 per student for the entire course and an examination fee of Rs. 10 per student.

N.B.—In addition, the students will have to bear the actual expenses of the two practical demonstration classes which may not be more than Rs. 10 per head.

8. **Minimum qualification for admission.**—A pass in the Intermediate or any equivalent examination in Arts subjects preferably in History, Geography and Indology.

9. **Selection of candidates.**—The candidates will be interviewed by a Selection Committee at Bangalore (Vidhana Soudha) before publishing the name of candidates selected. The names of the selected candidates will be announced on the Notice Board of the Information Department. The candidates should come to the place of interview at their own cost.

10. **Examination and Issue of Certificates.**—At the end of the training course, there will be a written and oral examination in both theory and practice. Certificates will be awarded to the successful candidates.

11. **Publication of results.**—The names of the successful candidates will be published in the *Mysore Gazette.*

12. **Benefits.**—Government do not guarantee any appointment but the trained guides will be authorised to collect from the Tourists the fees that may be fixed by Government from time to time.

13. **Application Forms.**—Application in the prescribed form (Appendix II) should be addressed to the Tourist Development Officer, Government of Mysore, Vidhana Soudha, Bangalore.

APPENDIX II.

Application form for admission to the Tourist Guides Training Course.

1. Name in Block letters	
2. Address	
3. Age and date of birth	
4. Academic qualifications ... ... (Subjects : Optional and general Subjects studied).	
5. Occupation	
6. Previous experience in Tourism and allied subjects.	
7. In what languages the candidate can speak and write fluently.	
8. Special knowledge or hobby, if any ...	

Place.....

Signature of the Applicant.

Date.....

Applications will have to reach the Tourist Development Officer, Government of Mysore Vidhana Soudha, Bangalore, within a specified date which will be notified in the Gazette and in leading newspapers. Only those having the necessary qualifications need apply.

APPENDIX III

Syllabus.

1. Tourism in General (What is meant by Tourism ? Its international significance, etc.)
2. How to be a good guide ? (Manners and Courtesies required of a good guide).
3. Geography of the world in general and India and Mysore in particular.
4. History of the world in general and India and Mysore in particular.
5. Archæology in India in general and Mysore in particular.
   (*a*) Hindu, Buddhist, Jain, Christian and Muslim Monuments.
   (*b*) Comparative styles in sculpture and architecture in India in general and Mysore in particular.
6. Iconography.
7. Main religions of India and their Philosophy with special reference to their influence on the sculpture and architecture of India in general and Mysore in particular.
8. Fine Arts of India in general and Mysore in particular, literature, painting, music and dancing.
9. Social History of India in general and Mysore in particular. Customs and Manners, Feasts and Festivals and dress habits and food habits. Difference in variety and styles between Indian and non-Indian food habits.

10. Modern India under the Second Five-Year Plan in the Mysore State.

11. Flora and Fauna of Mysore State.

12. Travel formalities regarding registration, visas, liquor and shikar permits, etc.

13. Facts and figures about the world in general and India and Mysore in particular.

14. Tourist spots in Mysore State—Location and description and tourist facilities (such as Travellers' Bungalows, Petrol Bunks, Hotels, Rest Houses, etc.) in and around them.

15. Development of Tourism in India in general and Mysore in particular—Progress of several tourist schemes undertaken by Union and Mysore Governments.

16. Literature of India with special reference to incidents and episodes depicted in the Epics and the Puranas.

17. Photography and Tourism.

APPENDIX IV

Readers and their respective Subjects.

1. Dr. A. M. Natesh, Director, All India Radio, Bangalore.	1. Tourism in general (What is meant by Tourism? Its international significance).
2. Mrs. C. P. Vaz, Eve's corner, Bangalore.	2. How to be a good Guide? (Manners and courtesies expected of a good guide).
3. Dr. Ghori, Professor of Geography, Yuvaraja's College, Mysore.	3. Geography of the world in general and India and Mysore in particular.
4. Professors of History, Maharaja's College, Mysore.	4. History of the World in general and India and Mysore in particular.
5. Dr. M. Seshadri, M.A. Ph.D. (Lond.), Director of Archæology in Mysore, Mysore.	5. Archæology in India in general and Mysore in particular. (*a*) Hindu, Buddist, Jain, Christian and Muslim monuments. (*b*) Comparative styles in sculpture and architecture in India in general and Mysore in particular.
Do do ...	6. Iconography—Sculpture (Comparative Styles).
6. Sri A. N. Krishna Rao, 'Annapurna', Visveswarapuram, Bangalore-4.	7. Fine Arts of India in general and Mysore in particular. Literature, painting, music and dance.
7. Prof. Yamunacharya, M.A., Mysore ...	8. Main religions of India and their philosophy with special reference to their influence on the sculpture and architecture in India in general and Mysore in particular.
8. Shri J. B. Mallaradhya, M.A., Member, Legislative Assembly,	9. Social History of India in general and Mysore in particular—customs and manners, feasts and festivals, dress habits and food habits. Difference variety and styles between Indian and non-Indian food habits.
9. Shri C. S. Seshadri, I.A.S., Deputy Secretary, Planning and Development, Government of Mysore, Bangalore.	10. Modern India under the Second Five-Year Plan, with particular stress on Mysore.
10. Shri H. N. Chamaiah, M.Sc., Senior Lecturer in Botany, Yuvaraja's College, Mysore.	11. Flora and Fauna of Mysore State.
11. Shri D. Banumaiah, M.L.C., Mysore	12. Travel formalities regarding registration, visas, liquor and shiker permits, etc.
12. Shri D. R. Ramaya, B.A., Principal Information Officer, Bangalore.	13. Facts and figures about the world in general and India and Mysore in particular.
13. Shri J. K. Basavappa, B.A., Tourist Development Officer, Bangalore.	14. Tourist spots in Mysore State, their location and description and tourist facilities in and around them.
14. Shri D. A Subba Rao, M.A., Assistant Tourist Development Officer, Bangalore.	15. Development of Tourism in India in general and Mysore in particular—progress of several Schemes undertaken by the Union and Mysore Governments.
15. Professor S. Ramachandra Rao, M.A., Professor of Sanskrit, Maharaja's College, Mysore.	16. Literature of India with special reference to incidents and episodes depicted in the Epics and Puranas.
16. Shri Narayana Rao Kulkarni, Bijapur.	17. Photography and Tourism.

N.B.—This is subject to alteration to suit the convenience of the Readers.